

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Forty-one bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3163–3203, S. Res. 440–446, and S. Con. Res. 20.

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Measures Passed:

National Native American Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 440, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

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National Bison Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 441, designating November 6, 2021, as “National Bison Day”.

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SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 442, establishing the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program for the Senate.

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McCain-Mansfield Fellowship Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, establishing the McCain-Mansfield Fellowship Program for the Senate.

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Public Radio Music Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 444, expressing support for the designation of “Public Radio Music Day” and deep appreciation for the role of public radio music stations in serving listeners, musicians, and hundreds of communities in the United States.

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Congratulating the Atlanta Braves: Senate agreed to S. Res. 445, congratulating the Atlanta Braves for winning the 2021 Major League Baseball World Series and honoring the life of Henry Louis Aaron.

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House Messages:

Protecting America’s First Responders Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1511, to amend the Omnibus

Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, November 5, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 12 noon; Friday, November 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 12, 2021, it next convene on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 3 p.m.

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Steele Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Graham Scott Steele, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 4, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, November 15, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, November 4, 2021 ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021.

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Bonnie Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert Farrell

Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Graham Scott Steele, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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Nelson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert Farrell Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Kanter Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, if applicable, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jonathan Kanter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; that there be 10 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate proceed to vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 463), Michael Lee Connor, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

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By 58 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 465), Robert Luis Santos, of Texas, to be Director of the Census for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 464), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Geraldine Richmond, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

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M. Camille Calimlim Touton, of Nevada, to be Commissioner of Reclamation.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Samuel H. Slater, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2023.

Alice P. Albright, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Randi Charno Levine, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic.

Monde Muyangwa, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Marc B. Nathanson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—465)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:57 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8055.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Rostin Behnam, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

CIVILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the potential non-electric applications of civilian nuclear energy, after receiving testimony from Shannon Bragg-Sitton, Director, Integrated Energy and Storage Systems Division, Energy and Environment Science and Technology Directorate, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Paul Chodak III, American Electric Power, Columbus, Ohio; and Michael J. Guastella, Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals, Inc., Washington, D.C.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the road ahead for the COVID-19 response, focusing on next

steps, after receiving testimony from Rochelle P. Walensky, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Janet Woodcock, Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, and Dawn O'Connell, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2342, to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Clare E. Connors, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, Zachary A. Cunha, to be United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island, Nikolas P. Kerest, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, Cole Finegan, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, and Kenneth L. Parker, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 5853–5889; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 59; and H. Res. 772–773, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Mrvan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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Protect Older Job Applicants Act: The House passed H.R. 3992, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to prohibit employers from limiting, segregating, or classifying applicants for employment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas

to 200 nays, Roll No. 358. Consideration began yesterday, November 3rd.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to prohibit employers from limiting, segregating, or classifying applicants for employment."

Agreed to:

Pappas amendment (No. 1 printed in part E of H. Rept. 117–137) that was debated on November 3rd that requires the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to conduct a study on the number of job applicants impacted by age discrimination in the job application process and issue recommendations on addressing age discrimination in the job application process (by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 356).

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Rejected:

Keller amendment (No. 2 printed in part E of H. Rept. 117–137) that was debated on November 3rd that sought to require a GAO study to determine whether not allowing claims of disparate impact discrimination by applicants for employment under the